

1     **ABSTRACT**

2             A remote controlled system employs a computer-based remote control  
3     facilitator to facilitate remote control of a controlled device from a non-dedicated  
4     remote controller. The computer facilitator is coupled to the remote controller and  
5     controlled device via a wireless or wire-based network. The computer facilitator  
6     runs an application that corresponds to the controlled device. Neither the remote  
7     controller nor the controlled device need have any awareness of the other, or any  
8     knowledge as to how to communicate with one another. The computer tells the  
9     remote controller what options to present to a user and translates the selection  
10    entered by the user into a command that is sent to the controlled device.